President's Report ICOC Meeting May 6, 2005

Zach W. Hall, Ph.D. Interim President



New Staff

- Dr. Arlene Chiu, Director of Scientific Program and Review
- Dr. Connie Atwell, Consultant on Grants
- Initiated a search for Scientific Program and Review
 - advertised Science, Nature, other websites including those intended to attract minority candidates



Scientific Activities

- Met with UCLA scientists
- Dr. Mary Maxon attended meeting in San Diego and lab course sponsored by CHOC and the Burnham Institute
- Exploratory talks with the Public Library of Science (PLoS) about joint sponsorship of an open access, web-based journal on stem cell research



Outreach

- Over the last two months, meetings with representatives from UK, Singapore, Scotland and Sweden
- David Serrano-Sewell and ZH featured speakers at ALSA Board meeting
- Keynote address at Oregon Chapter, Society for Neuroscience



Administrative Activities

- Training Grant RFA
- Support for Working Group Sub-Committees
- Grants Management Planning
 - Grants Policy Statement
 - Grants Management Office
 - IT systems



Intellectual Property

- Met with the California Council on Science and Technology Intellectual Property Study Group
- Susan Bryant and Michael Goldberg, members
- Charged by the legislature with advising on IP policy for state-supported research
- Report on IP policy for stem cell research due in July

